

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT[761]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rule making related to confidential records and providing an opportunity for public comment

The Department of Transportation hereby proposes to amend Chapter 4, “Public Records and Fair Information Practices,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 305.15 and 307.12.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code sections 22.7(50), 80G.2 and 80G.3.

Purpose and Summary

The proposed amendments, which are explained more specifically below, rescind subrules 4.4(3) and 4.9(23) because they are no longer necessary, amend subrule 4.9(15) to conform to current Iowa Code language, and update the implementation sentence of rule 761—4.9(22) to include the applicable Iowa Code sections.

Subrule 4.4(3) concerns release of confidential records by the Director of Transportation. After review with the Attorney General’s Office, the Department determined that subrule 4.4(3) is unnecessary and that the procedure for records protected under Iowa Code chapter 22 is already comprehensively addressed in that Iowa Code chapter.

2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 122, sections 3 to 6, created Iowa Code chapter 80G, Undercover Law Enforcement — Privilege — Confidentiality. The proposed amendment to subrule 4.9(15) implements Iowa Code sections 80G.2 and 80G.3.

Subrule 4.9(23) concerns records which contain information relating to security procedures, emergency preparedness and disaster recovery. Iowa Code section 22.7(50) was amended by 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 156, which removed a paragraph stating that Iowa Code section 22.7(50) only applied to information held by a government body that had adopted a rule or policy which identified the specific confidential records. Therefore, subrule 4.9(23), which includes the Department’s specific confidential records, is no longer needed.

The Records Commission approved the proposed amendments at its meeting held on February 8, 2019.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the person’s circumstances meet the statutory criteria for a waiver may petition the Department for a waiver under 761—Chapter 11.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rule making or may submit a written request to make an oral presentation at a public hearing. Written comments or requests to present oral comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 25, 2019. Comments should be directed to:

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DOT Rules Administrator, Strategic Communications and Policy Bureau
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Public Hearing

A public hearing to hear requested oral presentations will be held as follows:

June 27, 2019
10 a.m.

Department of Transportation
Administration Building, First Floor South
Conference Room
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa

Persons who wish to make oral comments at the public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rule making.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact Tracy George, the Department's rules administrator, and advise of specific needs.

The public hearing will be canceled without further notice if no oral presentation is requested.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule-making actions are proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve subrule **4.4(3)**.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 4.9(15), introductory paragraph, as follows:

4.9(15) Certain Privileged and personnel records or information of law enforcement officers and undercover law enforcement officers, as specified in Iowa Code sections 80G.2 and 80G.3, as well as certain records regarding undercover driver's licenses issued to certified peace officers employed by a local authority or by the state or federal law enforcement officers, as specified in 761—Chapter 625. (Iowa Code sections 22.7, 80G.2, 80G.3 and 321.189A)

ITEM 3. Rescind and reserve subrule **4.9(23)**.

ITEM 4. Amend rule **761—4.9(22)**, implementation sentence, as follows:

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 22, 553 and 692; Iowa Code sections 17A.2, 17A.3, 21.5, 72.3, 80G.2, 80G.3, 313.10, 321.11, 321.11A, 321.19, 321.186, 321.189A, 321.266, 321.271, 422.20, 452A.63, 622.10, 622.11, 804.29 and 808.13; 5 U.S.C. §§ 552 and 552a; 18 U.S.C. § 2721 et seq.; and 42 U.S.C. § 405.